

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 26, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

We, the Members of the Michigan Delegation, write in support of H.R. 1281, a bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Gaylord, Michigan, as the “Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic.” By virtue of his honorable service to his community, state, and nation, Steve Andrews is beyond deserving of the designation we are seeking through this legislation.

Steve Andrews bravely and meritoriously defended our freedoms overseas in uniform. He entered the Navy in 1967 as a Hospital Corpsman, going on to serve in the Vietnam War not only at the U.S. Navy Hospital in Guam, but also as a medic in the 1st Marine Division attached to a force reconnaissance company in Vietnam. For his actions, which include saving the lives of countless Marines during combat, Steve earned the Navy Commendation Medal and Purple Heart.

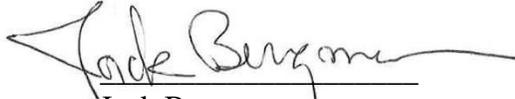
Following his military service, Steve Andrews returned to Northern Michigan and became an active public servant. Steve coached local youth sports, helped found “Petoskey Art in the Park,” and sat on the boards of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and North Central College. He and his wife, Karen, owned and operated Sturgeon River Pottery for 35 years. Many also knew Steve as a state legislator, representing Michigan’s 106th District from 1979 to 1982 to defend his constituents’ best interests in Lansing.

H.R. 1281 features the cosponsorship of the entirety of the Michigan House Delegation, approval in the House of Representatives, and support from the Michigan chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The

American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and American Veterans. The bill also has the formal support of Michigan's U.S. Senators.

We are hopeful this legislation will serve as a small token of our nation's gratitude to Steve Andrews and his family. Furthermore, we are confident that naming the CBOC in Gaylord for Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews will inspire a culture of compassionate care for local Veterans, their families, and their caregivers.

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress



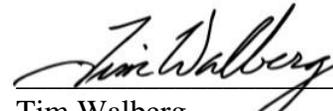
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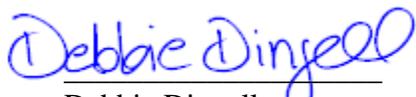
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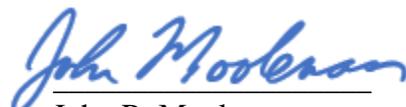
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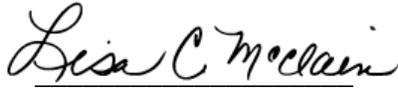
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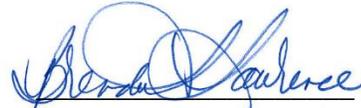
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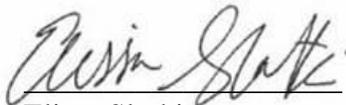
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